(b) Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT) Matunga, Mumbai, an institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), gives training on ginning, grading, testing spinning, etc. of cotton fibres. Besides, the following organisations have also got infrastructure for training in testing and grading of cotton:—

(i) East India Cotton Association, Mumbai.

(ii) Bombay Textile Research Association, Mumbai.

(iii) South India Textile Research Association, Coimbatore.

(iv) Ahmedabad Textile Industries Research Association, Ahmedabad.

(v) North India Textile Research Association, Ghaziabad.

Appointment of Citizen Wardens in Delhi

1975. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some moves to appoint citizens wardens in Delhi are under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the functions and eligibilities for appointment to be prescribed for such citizen wardens;

(d) whether Government propose to issue instructions to other States and Union Territories to make similar appointments after watching successful trial of the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi have moved to consider feasibility of appointment of educated citizens of some standing as local Wardens to work in well-defined areas on a voluntary basis in the field of sanitation, unauthorised construction and traffic.

(d) and (e) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

दिल्ली में व्यक्तियों का अपहरण किये जाने और उनकी हत्या कर दिये जाने की घटनायें

1976. **प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली में पिछले तीन वर्षों में प्रति वर्ष कितने-कितने व्यक्तियों का अपहरण हुआ;

(ख) कितने अपहृत व्यक्तियों की अपहरणकर्ताओं ने हत्या कर दी;

(ग) कितने अपहरणकर्ता पकड़े गए; और

(घ) क्या किसी अपहरणकर्ता को दण्डित किया गया, यदि हां, तो क्या दण्ड दिया गया?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) से (घ) अपेक्षित सूचना नीचे दी गयी है:-

वर्ष	अपहृत किए गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या	उन अपहृत व्यक्तियों की संख्या जिनकी अपहरणकर्ताओं द्वारा हत्या की गयी	पकड़े गए अपहरण-कर्ताओं की संख्या	दण्डित किए गए अपहरण-कर्ताओं की संख्या
1993	174	13	156	–
1994	293	7	182	2
1995	343	18	273	–

दोषसिद्ध दो अपहरणकर्ताओं में से, एक को 2 वर्ष के कठोर कारावास और दूसरे को 9 माह और 10 दिन के साधारण कारावास की सजा दी गयी।

Export of Handicraft items

1977. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to which the handicraft items have been exported during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and till date;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange being earned by the export of handicraft items during this period; and

(c) the steps being taken by government to increase the export of handicraft items?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The names of the countries to which the handicrafts items have been exported during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and till date include; USA, Germany, U.K., France, Canada, Japan, Italy, Switzerland, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia etc.

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of handicrafts including hand knitted carpets during the last 3 years is as under:—

	(Rs. in crores)
1994-95	4458.30
1995-96	4980.15
1996-97 (Upto July)	1946.83

(c) The steps taken by the Government to increase the export of handicrafts items includes sponsoring of sales-cum-study team abroad; organisation of buyer-seller's meet, participation in international fairs and exhibitions, overseas publicity and publication of catalogues and organisation of Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair and Carpet Expo annually.

Involvement of Defence forces in rescue operation in Andhra Pradesh

1978. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force were involved in the rescue and relief operations during the recent Cyclone in Coastal Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the extent and their achievements in these operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rescue and relief operations were carried out by Army, Navy and Air Force during the recent cyclone in Coastal Andhra Pradesh. On 8th November, 1996, 10 medical officers, 107 medical assistants with six ambulances were deployed for providing medical assistance in cyclone affected area. A total of 390 patients were treated.

The Air Force flew 23 helicopter sorties from 10th to 19th November, 1996 involving airlifting of 23.645 tons of load and 7 passengers. Between 8 to 10 November, 1996 two Indian Navy ships and two Indian Navy helicopters along with one Coast Guard ship and one Coast Guard aircraft carried out simultaneous search and rescue operations and provided flood relief. More than 20 sorties were carried out involving the dropping of 1200 kgs of food packets and medicines to stranded people. About 50 to 60 bodies were located over land and reported to relief centres. 7 more bodies were picked up at sea. A trawler with five fishermen was located, the boat repaired and the crew provided with food and medicine. A life raft was air dropped for the survivors of the boat to come ashore.All officers and men of Indian Navy voluntarily contributed one day's ration for the affected people.

Sale of powerlooms in Orissa

1979. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to sell all the powerlooms set up in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the workers engaged in those powerlooms would be given employment in the powerlooms after privatisation; and

(d) the other steps being taken to protect the interest of these powerloom workers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Demand for the coarse/Janata cloth in the country

1980. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase in the demand for coarse/Janata cloth in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage gap between demand and supply thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the quantum of such cloth produced during the each of the preceding three years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) There is no assessment of demand of Janata cloth available but there has been continuous reduction in the